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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Report from Trieste—Inspection of immigrants.

Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, November 29, as follows:

During the week ended November 25, 1905, the following ships were inspected at this port:

November 20, 1905, the steamship *Pannonia* sailed for New York via Fiume. Inspected and passed 34 steerage passengers. Number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 12; number of pieces inspected, 11.

November 25, 1905, the steamship *Erny* sailed for New York via Patras. Inspected and passed 270 steerage passengers. Number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 179; number of pieces inspected, 5.

BRAZIL.

Report from Para—Epidemic smallpox—Yellow fever.

Consul Ayme reports, November 17, as follows:

I have the honor to confirm my telegram of this date as follows:

"Smallpox epidemic raging, assuming serious proportions; 20 additional cases daily. There has been a great deal of yellow fever in the last few days."

Every year during the last four months of the year—the dry season—there is a marked increase in the number of cases of both smallpox and yellow fever. This year the season is unusually dry and hot, and both diseases have assumed the character of an epidemic. It is becoming evident that the smallpox epidemic is extending to the neighboring towns and villages.

My attention was first called to the severity of the nascent epidemic late in September. I have received official information as follows:

	Yellow fever.		Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
September 27 to 30	10	4	3	
During October	62	20	367	104
During November to date	39	9	187	48
Total (52 days)	111	33	557	153

The percentage of deaths to cases has been: Yellow fever, 29.72 per cent; smallpox, 27.46 per cent

Smallpox patients are isolated in a special hospital, which is now accommodating twice the number it was built for. Temporary wings of rough lumber are being erected and a second hospital has been taken for the shelter of smallpox patients. As there is no system of registry

of cases of contagious and infectious diseases, it is difficult to obtain exact statistics.

There is also a large and increasing number of cases of typhoid fever in this city. I have authentic information to this effect, but no exact data.

The yellow fever and smallpox patients are not confined to the lower or even middle classes, but all alike suffer. Foreigners in particular are liable, and scarcely one here has escaped one or the other; the number of deaths among the foreign colony is large. The rains will not set in before the middle of December. When they do begin it is said that both diseases rapidly begin to diminish in numbers and intensity, particularly smallpox.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Vancouver, British Columbia.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports as follows:

Month of November, 1905: Number of immigrants inspected, 240; number passed, 231; number rejected, 9; number certified for rejection on account of dangerous contagious diseases, 5.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine precautions—Quarantinable diseases.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, November 4 and 11, as follows:

Week ended November 4:

Government notification that restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

Government notification that restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on October 21, 1905.

Return of quarantinable diseases: Plague—cases 2, death 1.

Week ended November 11:

Government notification that restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

Government notification that restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on October 21, 1905.

Return of quarantinable diseases, none.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended, November 21, 1905, for rejection: For Honolulu, 4; for San Francisco, 30; in transit, 11.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels.

Consul Baehr reports, December 11 and 18, as follows:

Week ended December 9, 1905: Eight bills of health issued for vessels bound for the United States, with 215 crew. No passengers.